

BOY DROWNED IN ELKHORN

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Was Attempting to Swim the Swollen Stream in Company With Two Other Boys—Employed in Depot Hotel—Home in Omaha.

[From Monday's Daily.]

In attempting to swim across the terrific current of the Elkhorn river at 7:30 o'clock last evening, Eddy England, a boy seventeen years old, was caught in a whirlpool and drowned, directly south of the city on Fourth street. At 3 o'clock this afternoon his body had not yet been found.

In company with two other boys, Roy Wolcott, son of M. O. Wolcott, manager of the depot hotel, and a lad named Jensen, England went swimming early in the evening. He was a good swimmer, apparently, and the trio passed the time doing different stunts in the water. The river is very high and swollen nearly to the edge of its banks. The crowd finally hit upon the idea of swimming across and in the effort to equal the skill of his companions, England went to his death.

The boy had gone just beyond the middle of the current when he was sucked bodily into the whirling hole of an eddy. Fred Hollingsworth was on the north bank and saw the lad sink into his watery grave. At first the swimmer seemed not to realize that he was drowning, and "let down", his right hand held high and the left holding his nose to prevent taking in water, all with a thought, it seemed, of striking bottom and walking out. But the merciless waters squeezed their victim tighter and tighter within their hungry, unrelenting grasp and drew the form of Eddie England underneath the surface and held it.

In going down the second and third times, the drowning boy called frantically for help five different times, but his companions were too far away to give the slightest bit of assistance and he went into the fatal whirlpool before their eyes.

England arrived in Norfolk but a few days ago and was employed in the depot hotel. His father lives in Omaha where he is said to be engineer at the city hall, and was telegraphed last night. He arrived on the noon train today.

Little searching was done last night, but bright and early this morning a crowd of men began to look for the body of the drowned boy. A rope was stretched across the river for safety, and George Karrook, an expert swimmer, began diving. For several hours he stayed in the turbulent stream but was unable to locate the corpse. At 10 o'clock Commissioner Winter, with assistants, drove to the scene with grappling hooks and an effort was made to recover in this manner.

This is the first drowning that has occurred in the Elkhorn river at Norfolk within the memory of residents, the stream being generally considered perfectly safe.

BUSY IN NORTHWESTERN YARDS.

South of the Round House is Scene of Busy Activity Just Now.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The district planned for the new Northwestern railroad yards is the scene of busy activity just now, grading having begun for new tracks. South of the present round house many men and teams are at work cutting out the lines, filling up gaps and making grades for the new ties. A veritable city of tents has been stretched just south of the Y, and here the men of the grading outfit, together with their horses and machinery, form a little community of their own. There are sleeping tents and dining tents and the cooks get up at 4 in the morning to make ready the breakfast for the gang of workmen. Whole animals are used for meat, at a time, and coffee is cooked over great fires, in mammoth kettles, like it is done in the system of a big circus.

It is interesting to watch the precision, gained from long experience, that marks this little white village—distinct, peculiar and independent—whose inhabitants have begun a system of important improvements in Norfolk. Among the canvas homes, everything tends toward activity of exciting sort. There are horses and mules well fed and strong, which are cared for in their cloth stables and shod by a blacksmith who travels with the gang.

Writes About His Trip.

[From Monday's Daily.]

In an interesting letter to his parents, which is published herewith, Hugh Gardner writes from Idaho of his trip, and describes the country and its advantages for hunting and fishing. He says: "The stage runs to Squirrel three times each week so it takes about a week to get a letter here. The mosquitoes are about as large as butterflies and thick as hair on a dog. Mr. Kelly says they are only just beginning to arrive. The fishing here is no good since the saw mill was put in, the sawdust in the stream kills the trout. The scenery around here is grand. I wish I had taken a camera. Tell pa there is pretty good hunting here. There is a den of cinnamon bears up the river about two miles. There are two old ones and two cubs. A man who is working on the

IRRIGATION DITCH NEAR KELLY'S WAS TREADED BY ONE OF THEM.

Mr. Kelly has no time to hunt or fish or do anything but work. The river is swift, with rock bottom, and is shallow and cold and full of falls and rapids. A few miles up there are falls of thirty feet. There is no place for swimming. I went down the river

Kate next day after getting here

A pine tree. They eat like are about two weeks old and as hoot owls. I am going to the old one; it is a monster. I was about a quarter of a mile south of Kelly's house, taking the rifle with me, when I came unexpectedly upon a large bird sitting on the ground. I shot it and afterwards learned that it was a Mongolian pheasant. They are quite numerous and fine eating. Next week Mr. Kelly is going to do his portion of the work on the irrigation ditch and I am going to carry the surveyor's chain. We go to bed about 8 and get up at 6.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The situation at the Union Pacific bridge has grown worse rather than better today. Seventy feet of the track has now been washed out, with the embankment beneath it swallowed up by the current, and today no trains have run in or out of Norfolk over that line, at all. Not even a transfer was made, as the stream has reached a point where it cannot be crossed in any manner, whatever.

TEACHERS FILLED ELKS ROOMS.

Enjoyed a Pleasant Finale to Round out Their Week's Visit.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

A crowd of nearly 150 persons, over half of them school teachers of Madison county, gowning in their spring frocks, filled the Elk club rooms last night, ending the week of institute work with a reception and social session which will remain a memorable finale to their six days of visit in Norfolk.

The fore part of the evening was devoted to a program of readings and vocal selections, with short speeches from the instructors of the institute. Those who took part were: Miss Hattie Allbery, solo; Miss Maude Tannehill, reading; Miss Cordelia Luikart, reading; Miss Nelle Handley, reading; Miss Sisson, solo; Mrs. Hope, solo. Short speeches were given by Prof. Gilman, Prof. Searson, Prof. O'Connor, and County Superintendent Crum.

The teachers of the institute presented Mr. Crum with a very handsome leather covered library chair. He has had charge of the work. Refreshments followed the program.

This morning the streets were filled with the good looking school ma'ams, many of whom look young enough to be school girls. They were shopping at the Norfolk counters and left on out going trains through the day.

COST OF THE HANGING.

State Board Pays for Disposing of Gottlieb Neigenfind.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The state board of public lands and buildings at Lincoln has just paid the bills incurred by the hanging of Gottlieb Neigenfind, the Pierce county murderer, the total amount paid to Warden Beemer and his assistants being \$253.80. George B. Stryker of the Omaha police force, who superintended the hanging, was paid \$10 a day for three days of service, and Warden Beemer gets \$150 for his share in the transaction.

The scaffold was bought from Douglas county at a cost of \$50, and forms one item of expense that should not have to be paid in future hangings. The railroad fare and board of Stryker cost \$6.30, the electric battery \$7.50 and the rope \$10. Fifty dollars was the expense of having the scaffold wired and the electric buttons placed, and 75 cents worth of black paint was used in touching up the sordidness of the scaffold.

HAD TOO MANY FISH IN WAGON.

Herman Boche Was Arrested by Game Warden This Morning.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Herman Boche, a farmer living southeast of the city, on the Elkhorn, was arrested at 11 o'clock this morning by Game Warden Rainey, assisted by Chief Kane. The trouble was that Boche had seventy-four fish in his possession, selling them at South Norfolk, and the law places a limit of twenty-five upon any one person's catch for a day. Boche will be arraigned before Judge Hayes tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

He Saw Stitt Saw Wood.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

"Jim Stitt sawing wood! And what do you think of that?" said a business man last evening who had just come down town from the Heights. "Out in the back yard," he declared, "Stitt was going after a cord of timber like a house afire. His brow was beaded with massive drops of perspiration and the fibrous muscles of his right arm made a picture good to see. It was like watching the action of an arm in a kinetoscopic view of a real fast mill."

"But why did he do it?" asked an eager crowd that had gathered for the story.

"I don't know," said the man from the Heights, up against a hard proposition. "I do know that he did it, though, for I saw it myself."

"Saw wood?" they questioned.

"No. Saw Stitt saw wood," replied the architect's neighbor.

Peanut and Popcorn Machine.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

Robert Utter has just invested in a new Bartholomew peanut roaster and corn-popper, at a cost of \$125, which is the finest machine of the kind ever brought to the city. A supply of hot peanuts and popcorn were put on sale today and those popular delicacies will be kept on sale. The machine is on rubber-tired wheels and is built to "follow the crowd" and get where there is business.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE.

Seventy Feet of Track Now Gone, and no Stop.

BANK IS FAST CAVING AWAY.

Twenty Men Working Like Bees to Save the Property, but the River Makes Them Stand Back—No Trains Today, at all.

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Like a great, writhing serpent, with muscles of steel that no power can check, the irresistible current of the indomitable Elkhorn river has been for many continuous hours, and is yet today, surging restlessly about in its channel, and twisting its gigantic head toward the southward, where, nearly a hundred feet beyond its former boundary, its untamable tongue is licking off the embankment that has held the railroad ribbons of iron. As fast as the score of men can implant their rapping, the material slips off into the current and is carried away. The pile driver can do nothing but sink wooden posts, and it but fairly gets started at that when the track in the rear begins to slough off and the heavy machine is forced to back away from the falling foundation.

Last night, working constantly, the gang of men with their driver, were able to place but four pilings into the ground. The rest of their time and energy was spent in getting out of danger.

Yesterday passengers were able to walk across the sream on the hanging track. Today even that is gone, the river has raised and there was no possible way to transfer, no boat being able to gain headway across the undammed current. Passengers who wanted to go south therefore, were compelled to drive to Madison this morning, where the freight train due in here at noon, was waiting. Those coming to Norfolk employed the same method. No mail was transferred at all.

Work to repair the damage on the tracks at the new bridge two miles south of the city, began last night at 9 o'clock, when a pile driver came in from the south, ready to fasten the track. The water continues to cut away the embankment of the line just south of the bridge, and an extension will be necessary to the big steel structure that was just recently put in.

About twenty bridgemen are here for the work, getting the rails upon a solid foundation. The metals were left suspended like a pair of wires, through the air. The pile driver was brought to the bridge on a locomotive and four cars. Just the other side of the break the engine was signalled to stop by torpedoes under the wheels.

IT IS THE WORST EVER.

Probably never since the earliest pioneer plowed a furrow athwart the trails of the Indians and buffaloes in the Elkhorn valley has the river acted as viciously as during the past thirty-six hours. There has been higher water but the overflow acted as a safety measure, while lately the stream's channel has been bank full with a swift current that has cut new channels, undermined banks and trees and threatened the integrity of those bridges left standing from the recent flood. All along the upper course of the river the damage must have been enormous, for derelicts of bridges and culverts are floating down together with fences, chicken coops, trees and other flotsam.

Yesterday Jos. Vlazney, who lives six miles up the river, was compelled to move his barn to save it from the treacherous maw of the river. In twenty-four hours the river had taken six acres of his choicest corn land and was eating it up yesterday at the rate of an acre every three hours. Where the piling and immense piles of stone ballast were placed to protect the U. P. bridge runs now the swift river cutting off the new steel bridge entirely from the river's channel.

UNION PACIFIC TRAINS RUNNING.

Bridge Has Been Repaired so That Cars are Able to Cross.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Repairs have been made on the Union Pacific tracks so that trains are now running on schedule time. They ran across the washout yesterday. After thirty-six hours of constant application, the pile driver was able to put the steel into shape for using. The river is still washing against the south bank. Several hundred persons visited the scene of the trouble during yesterday.

A Summer Course in Elementary Agriculture for Teachers.

The Nebraska legislature recently passed a law requiring all applicants for teachers' certificates to pass an examination in the principles of elementary agriculture. This law goes into effect July 1, 1903. In view of these requirements, the University of Nebraska offers in its summer school, June 1 to July 25, a

course in agriculture especially arranged for teachers.

This course includes lectures and recitations upon such subjects as the formation and physical properties of soils, the methods of tillage to conserve moisture in soils, and topics dealing with plant growth with special reference to farm crops. The class work will be illustrated by simple laboratory experiments which can be performed in any school. Attention will also be given to subjects pertaining to the breeds of live stock, animal nutrition, etc.

This course has the endorsement of the state superintendent of public instruction. The county superintendents interviewed express a willingness to accept university credits in agriculture without requiring an examination in that subject when certificates are applied for.

The success of the present movement introducing the elements of agriculture into the common schools will depend upon the fitness of teachers for carrying on the work.

It is hoped the teachers of Nebraska will avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the university at Lincoln this summer. The work will be in charge of Professor H. R. Smith of the School of Agriculture.

CONSERVATORY COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises Saturday Night and Baccalaureate Sermon Yesterday.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Ideal conditions greeted the participants in the opening recital of the commencement exercises of the Norfolk branch, Western Conservatory of Music, which took place at the M. E. church Saturday evening, under the auspices of Mrs. Cora A. Beels, teacher, and Miss Lota Blakely, assistant. It was a perfect June evening and the audience was sympathetic and appreciative.

The first part of the program was occupied by the younger pupils, and their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the occasion was contagious. The latter part of the evening was devoted to the work of the older pupils and gratifying progress was shown by them.

The program throughout showed careful and thorough preparation and the work was characterized by clearness, spirit and confidence. A number of boys took part in the recital and gave evidence that they were candidates for pianistic honors.

The special features were the reading by Miss Roxie Sturgeon which was given in very effective style, and the vocal solos by Misses Nelle Dingman and Carrie Roland.

Yesterday morning a large number of the pupils, in addition to the members of the graduating class attended the M. E. church to listen to the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. F. Poucher upon "The Ministry of Music." Among other points emphasized was that music is a vital factor in our daily lives, entering into every phase and condition and all our joys and sorrows; that music is the language of the soul and ministers to the development of the intellectual and spiritual life; that the musician is a minister first and a performer last. The highest type of music is that devoted to worship and it should be simple, devout and sacred—to that the musician should give his best thoughts and efforts. Music enters into the life beyond, being one thing that is part of the present and future life.

Appropriate music was furnished by the choir, and Miss Kathryn Sisson gave the beautiful adante from Sonata Pathetique by Beethoven for a voluntary.

The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by those present and they were more fully impressed with the thought of the true worth and nobility of music and of its value as an aid in developing character.

The commencement exercises will be concluded with the program of this evening at the M. E. church. Prof. E. H. Scott, of Chicago, president of the Western Conservatory of Music will be present to address the graduates and present the diplomas. An excellent program has been prepared.

The graduates are: Grace Lyford Craig, Celestine D. Grunwald, Nelle C. Grant, Florence Faye Hutton, Nelle A. Schwenk and Belle Turner.

GERMAN TEACHERS HAVE GONE.

They Left Norfolk Today for Their Homes over Nebraska.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

Departing trains today have carried away the German Lutheran parochial teachers who closed their sessions last evening. Over a score of them were in attendance, from all sections of Nebraska, regardless of the inclement weather that has held through the entire week. More of them would have been here if the railroad service in the southern part of the state had not been so completely demoralized by floods. Their meetings were profitable to the synod, and many new ideas on the conducting of schools, were taken away.

EAGLES SETTLED IN CLUB ROOMS

Moved Into Their Building Yesterday.

May Have Gymnasium.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The Eagles moved into their new quarters in the Eble building yesterday and held a regular meeting last night. It is their intention to put in a gymnasium in the lower part of the building and to use the upper floor as a lodge hall. The regular meetings hereafter will be on Wednesday evening of each week.

CORNER STONE JUNE 18.

Impressive Ceremony on Federal Building.

IN CHARGE OF MASONIC LODGE.

Grand Lecturer Kuhns Will Speak. Deputy Burnham Will be in Charge. Delegations Expected From All Over This Territory.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

The corner stone on Norfolk's federal building will be laid by the Masonic lodge on the afternoon of Thursday, June 18, at 2:30 o'clock. The ceremonies will be in charge of C. E. Burnham of Tilden, deputy grand master for Nebraska, and the oration of the day will be delivered by Rev. Luther Kuhns, of Omaha, grand lecturer of the grand lodge of Nebraska.

The date was fixed late yesterday afternoon by the local committee and Mr. Burnham, and a telephone message was immediately sent to Mr. Kuhns, in Omaha, inviting him to be present as orator of the day. He accepted the invitation and will be in Norfolk either the evening before or at noon of that day.

A message was also sent to the supervising architect, in Washington, informing him of the date and requesting his sanction.

Every lodge in this territory will be notified of the time for the ceremony, and it is expected that a large number of Masons will be in the city to attend. No doubt thousands of Norfolk people will also witness the impressive work as the corner stone is set in place.

A special meeting of Mosaic lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., was held last night to discuss the invitation for laying the corner stone and it was decided to request the grand lodge of the state of Nebraska to lay the stone on the 18th. J. C. Stitt was appointed as committee on music and authorized to make arrangements for the Wisner band, of twenty pieces, which is an excellent organization. Bart Mapes was authorized to extend invitations to neighboring lodges.

The casket to be placed in the stone will be 4x10 inches. It will contain: Names of grand lodge officers.

List of members of Mosaic lodge.

Officers of lodge.

Copy of by-laws.

Late newspapers.

Record of last night's meeting.

United States coins of this year's mintage.

History of the effort to secure the building.

Upon the outside will be engraved: "Laid by the Masonic Fraternity, June 18, A. L. 5903. M. W. Frank E. Bullard, G. M."

A committee of five was appointed on reception. They are: Messrs. S. W. Hayes, W. H. Bacholz, A. Bear, S. G. Dean, G. A. Luikart.

A committee of three on arrangements are: J. C. Stitt, S. L. Gardner, D. Rees.

The grand lodge officers are:

Frank E. Bullard, G. M., North

Platte; C. E. Burnham, deputy, Tilden;

Judge Hopewell, S. W., Tekamah; G. M. Baird, S. W., Hartington; Rev. Luther Kuhns, grand lecturer, Omaha

CONCESSION TO NORTHWESTERN.

Council Grants Company Use of Highways Adjoining River.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

The city council met in special session yesterday morning pursuant to the call of Mayor Hazen to take action regarding the granting of certain privileges to the Northwestern. There were present Mayor Hazen and all the councilmen except Spelman and Tyler.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hazen and the special call for the meeting was read, which is as follows:

Norfolk, Nebraska, June 5, 1903.—A special meeting of the council of the city of Norfolk, Madison county, Nebraska, is hereby called for June 8, 1903, at 9 o'clock, a. m., the object and purpose of said special meeting being to consider the question of the granting of the privilege to the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company, its successors and assigns, to construct its tracks across Washington and Fourth streets, south of its present tracks, in Sunny side addition. MINER O. HAZEN, Mayor.

Ordinance No. 272.

An ordinance granting permission and authority to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company and its successors and assigns, to lay down, maintain and operate, a railroad track or tracks along, upon, and across Washington street and Fourth street in Sunny-side addition to the city of Norfolk, Nebraska.

Be it ordained by the mayor and council of the city of Norfolk:

Section 1. That permission and authority be and hereby are granted to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company and its successors and assigns, to lay down, maintain and operate a railroad track or tracks along, upon, and across Washington street in Sunny-side addition to the city of Norfolk by the west line of the alley in block Eight (8) extended northward across

said Washington street, and the west end of said street, and upon, along, and across Fourth street in said addition between the north line of Adams street and the north end of said Fourth street.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved this 8th day of June, 1903.

Attest: MINER O. HAZEN, Mayor.

S. R. McFARLAND, City Clerk.

PIANO CONTEST.

Results of the Count on the Hospe Instrument.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Miss Austin again takes a strong lead in the contest for the Hospe piano, to be given away by Norfolk merchants. The vote is as follows:

Gertrude Austin	26,374
Queen City Hotel	22,477
F. O. Eagles	21,675
May Johnson	18,956
Constance Reinhardt	5,593
Bessie Widaman	1,654
Railway Hall	333
A. O. U. W.	113
Minnie Parr	91
St. Paul Lutheran church	50
Second Congregational church	33
M. W. A.	32
Norfolk German Choir	26
Knights of Pythias lodge	26
Eastern Star	23
W. H. Blessing	9
Charles Brandes	8
Walter Pilger	5
Paul Rodat	4
Jessie Eble	4
Roy Wash	3
Ramond Hoagland	2
Emma Wetzel	2
Will Beaman	1
Scott Huff	1
George Rhode, jr.	1
Walter Dunn	1
Lawrence Bruggeman	1
Elmer Hardy	1
W. Hayward	1
Florence Gaylord	1
Willie Rice	1
Earl Day Weeks	1
Oscar Krahn	1
Edith Barrett	1
Lydia Wheeler	1
Dollie Wunder	1
Walter McFarland	1
May Edwards	1

OXNARD LOOKS LIKE NEW HOUSE.

Hundreds of Dollars Have Put the Hotel in Tip-Top Shape.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

L. A. Bartholomew, owner of the Oxnard, is in the city for a few days to look over his hotel and complete plans for further improvements in the popular house. Already the Oxnard has undergone a complete change in its service and in the furnishings throughout. It looks like a handsome girl with a brand new dress. From the first floor to the fourth story of the building, dozens of rooms have been floored with elegant new carpets and effective wall paper decorations. Mr. Bartholomew is now contemplating a shift by which the second floor will have many more rooms available, and outside ones at that. The improvements have pretty nearly reached the \$2,000 mark and much more money will be expended before the work is done. An addition is considered absolutely necessary, as the house is more than filled every night.

"I figured," said Mr. Bartholomew, "that the boys had put up with hard mattresses and old rooms long enough, and that now we could afford to give them something that will make them feel at home." And so new mattresses have gone on all beds, and new springs are underneath.

BOATING BEGINS ON NORTHFORK.

Many Canoes and Row Boats are Taking Advantage of Moon.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Boating for the season has begun on the Northfork. A large number of row boats and canoes are on the stream pretty nearly every night while this magnificent moon is bright, and the pastime promises even more pleasure to lovers of the water than ever before. One afternoon of this week, L. P. Passwalk, in a tiny, tippy canoe, did the turn of "shooting the chutes" over the sugar factory dam. The current was very swift and as the water swirled over the dam it dropped into an enormous hole that distributed spray and foam in all directions. Passwalk made a good start, paddled hard and then, as he approached, laid the paddles across the boat and slid safely through the rapids.

A wire netting has been stretched beneath the First street bridge, so that if the body floats down it will be caught and held.

ROBBERS HOLD UP STREET CAR.

Masked Men Enter and Go Through, Relieving Passengers.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Seattle, June 9.—Special to The News: A pair of bold, daring robbers, heavily masked in black, held up a street car in this city this morning and robbed the entire lot of passengers. The men entered the car and at the point of a revolver the people were relieved of all the valuables they had. The men have not been caught.

BLACKSMITHS SETTLE AT OMAHA

Union Pacific Laborers Come to Same Agreement as Machinists.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Omaha, June